Anti-Slavery Office,
New York, 3 May, 1861.

Dear Miller,

Has it occurred to you that the death of the Standard may be one of the consequences of the war? Mrs. Chapman, in a letter I have just received, expresses her belief that it is "out of the question" to maintain both it and the Liberator; and she wishes they may be united. I have written to her to say that I think the Ex. Com., before making any new arrangement of such importance, should either call, by private circular, a special

The Bugle office & the Mantua Convention must be made to conform to these arrangements.

meeting of the Am. Society, or
a council of discreet friends
from Phila, New York and
other places, to share with them
the responsibilities of the hour.
Whether Garrison would consent
to waive his preference for
making the Liberator the utter-
ance of his personal views
on all subjects, in order that
the cause may have an organ
acceptable to all its friends, I
do not know; but it has occurred
to me that, in view of his ad-
vancing years and the somewhat
precarious state of his health, he
might not be strenuously objec-
to an arrangement which

would relieve him, perhaps, from the minor details of editorial duty, enable him to serve the cause more efficiently by his pen, and at the same time not diminish his pecuniary resources. The united paper ought to be printed and published here, so as to serve Philadelphia and Boston on equal terms. To have but one paper, and that at Boston, would not be the thing, would it?

I have told Mrs. Chapman to include me or leave me out, in the new arrangement, just as the good of the cause, in the present trying emergency, may

require. I think it likely that Mrs. C. has written to you on this subject, but I thought I would let you know what is passing in the minds of our friends at the East.

Yours faithfully,

Oliver Johnson